

THE DIDSBURY REVIEW



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MVTA informs County of possible landfill site

by Tamara Collins and
Carla Victor

The MVTA sent a letter to the County on Feb. 29 stating more information was brought to their attention about the land where the new administration building is to be constructed.

According to the letter, the MVTA received information the property, owned by the County namely SE quarter 5-32-1-W5, has an old landfill site, and the SW quarter 5-32-1-W5 has an old chemical container waste drop off site located on it.

The letter went on to say "It was reported to us that, after the County purchased the property in 1974, the County took equipment and dozed the entire contents of the old homestead into a pit, and buried it on the property very close to the new building location. The landfill site is reported to be filled with old tractors, combines, thrashing machines, vehicles, barrels, batteries, old house and out-buildings, trash and anything else that was left on the property. They also have reasonable grounds to believe that the County hauled barrels of waste products which may have contained old solvents, used anti-freeze etc. that was stored at the County shop, out to this site and disposed of it as well."

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photo by Tamara Collins

Marriage on the rock

On Sunday night a group of concerned churches from the Mountain View County came together and held an affirmation of marriage. People from all over the County attended the affirmation held at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. See story in next week's Review.

From left: Minister Dale Lang (speaking), Bruce Clemenger, President Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Pastor Grant Sikstrom, Gerald Chipeur, guest speaker, MLA Richard Marz, MP Myron Thompson, and Diane Lang.

Carstairs senior assaulted in home

by Dan Singleton

A 92-year-old retired school teacher is in Didsbury hospital recovering from neck and back injuries after allegedly being attacked by two of her former students in her Carstairs home on Wednesday morning.

Alyce Francis said the men

showed up unannounced at her home at about 10 a.m. and she invited them in for coffee.

After about an hour, the men got up to leave. As she showed them to the door, they attacked her, she said.

"They grabbed me and turned me upside down,"

Francis said from her hospital bed Saturday. "One took one leg and one took the other. I felt the blood rushing to my head. I screamed and said, please don't hurt me. Don't, you're hurting me". They carried me upside down into the den, and dropped me on the carpet floor, on my head. I saw stars and I went un-

conscious. If I had landed on the floor it would have been more serious."

She has a compressed vertebrate in her lower back and a sore neck, she said.

"I have very severe pain in my back today," she said.

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NEWS

IN THE COURTS

Drunk driver was driving slow

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A Water Valley man stopped by police as he drove 30 km per hour along a 100 km per hour roadway has been convicted of drunk driving.

Mark Edward Flaman pleaded guilty on March 1 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused had been drinking in a local saloon prior to getting behind the wheel, court heard.

A patrolling RCMP officer noticed the man's vehicle driving very slowly with wheels on the gravel shoulder.

Flaman's blood alcohol level was 170 mg per cent, or more than twice the legal limit.

Judge S. Van de Veen fined the accused \$800 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

Man was in ditch when police arrived

A man caught after police stopped at the roadside to help him get out of the ditch, has been convicted of driving with no insurance.

Joseph Robert Hutton pleaded guilty on March 1 to charges of care and control of a vehicle while his blood alcohol level was greater than 80 mg per cent, driving with no insurance, and driving with a suspended licence.

A patrolling RCMP officer spotted the accused on a rural road near Olds on Nov. 23, court heard.

When the officer stopped to help, the officer noticed a strong smell of liquor coming from the accused.

The accused's blood alcohol level was 130 mg per cent.

Judge S. Van de Veen fined Hutton a total of \$3,450 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

Sentencing next month

A Cochrane man who pleaded guilty to numerous charges, including possession of a weapon, will be sentenced next month.

Jeffrey Dean Thompson pleaded guilty on March 1 to two charges of uttering threats, one charge of being unlawfully in a dwelling house, and taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent.

Judge S. Van de Veen ordered a pre-sentence report prepared on the accused. He will

be sentenced on April 14.

He broke a window in front of a cop

A 19-year-old Sundre man pleaded guilty to three counts of mischief and two counts of failing to appear.

Michael M. Simpson's problems began Aug. 14, 2003 when he was arrested by Sundre RCMP.

Two-side view mirrors had been broken off of vehicles. Police responded after he broke a telephone booth window in full site of an RCMP patrol car.

He would have qualified for alternative measures had he made his first appearance. Instead he skipped it on two subsequent court appearances.

He has already paid restitution for the damage caused by his self-admitted drunken escapades. He was sentenced to pay \$100 for each count he pleaded guilty to or \$500, plus a 15 per cent victim fine surcharge.

Threatened the family of an RCMP officer

A 27-year-old Cremona man who threatened the family of a Didsbury RCMP man was sentenced to five months in jail and had his driver's license taken away for one year.

Joseph Gordon Fisher pleaded guilty to impaired driving, obstructing police and uttering threats.

These charges stem from an incident that occurred on Feb. 29, 2004. Didsbury RCMP caught Fisher in a routine

checkpoint at 1:00 a.m. in Water Valley.

Fisher was taken into custody after blowing a fail on the road-side screening device.

In custody police discovered that he had given a false name and he refused to blow a second time into the breathalyzer.

It was found that he owed 10-days of jail time in Ontario. He made comments to a Didsbury RCMP officer claiming that he was affiliated with a motorcycle gang and he would "get" the officer's family.

He apologised for the comments after sobering up. It is his third conviction for uttering threats and third impaired driving charge.

No license plate, no insurance and drunk

A 39-year-old Ft. St. John man will spend the next 90-days in jail after pleading guilty to driving an uninsured vehicle, driving with a disqualified license, refusing to give a breath sample and failing to appear.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred Jan. 21, 2004 at about 3 p.m. along Highway 27, west of Olds.

Timothy Richmond Pettit was pulled over after RCMP noticed the lack of proper license plate on his vehicle. He refused the road-side screening device and was taken into custody.

A one-year driving prohibition was also tacked on to the 90-days Pettit will serve.



Red Carpet

photo by Tamara Collins

Gord Fulton, Victoria's Flower, presents Dorothy Eggins with a \$50 gift certificate for winning the Red Carpet Tuesday draw.

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NEWS

CALGARY HEALTH REGION Municipal leaders meet with CHR

by Dorothy Moore

Municipal leaders from the rural areas in the Calgary Health Region north of Calgary met Thursday, March 4 at the Airdrie Town Office. CEO Jack Davis, Chair David Tuer and members of the Board and Staff hosted the meeting.

Communication is an area that CHR hopes to improve with ongoing two way communication and a "heads up" to communities before announcing news.

Long Term Care will become a larger issue as our population ages. Providing the most appropriate and widest range of services for seniors will be a priority. Services should begin with assistance as needed to seniors in their own homes, and logically be provided outside of hospital as much as possible. Didsbury's innovative partnership with the Seniors' Housing Foundation for assisted living is a model for new ways of providing appropriate levels of care through partnerships.

A Long Term Care Needs Assessment and report has just been completed for the region. There are recommendations that will now come to the Board. This was a necessary step toward deciding how to meet current and future needs before going ahead with new expenditures like a replacement of Unit 3. It is a CHR priority for Long Term Care patients to remain in their own community.

Major central hospitals are used best for high volumes of procedures and patients, with a critical mass of doctors and specialists. If rural hospitals are used for surgeries, it would be for those with low acuity.

Rural hospitals will not be abandoned.

The CHR Board and executive are committed to:

1. Patient safety and quality.
 2. Access to health care.
- Diagnostic and treatment centers will be built in the South and Northwest areas of Calgary. It is a goal to provide

a consistent standard to access for urgent care. The service, not the infrastructure is the focus. A top quality acute care system is the goal. Top technology is very expensive, but can be located in a major central hospital. To that end, a new PET scanner that can detect cancers better has just been purchased.

There were some questions from rural areas about transportation for cancer patients. The Tom Baker Center does not operate under the CHR, but rather the Cancer Board. Apparently, the Tom Baker Center has accommodations for a mileage allowance patients undergoing procedures. CHR understands that options for transportation and access are limited in rural areas. Lori Anderson's rural experience has provided insight to barriers that may not be apparent in cities.

Changes to ambulance funding and delivery are a provincial decision, but the CHR expects that existing providers would be paid and coordinated by them, if changes are announced. They are not expecting to replace municipal or private providers, and there would be no transfer of assets from a provider to the health authority.

Pandemic coordination will be done by CHR with local Disaster Services groups. There is a federal Public Health Agency that is being set up that will provide direction and coordination across Canada.

Successes: Heathlink, the phone-in health line, is working well. Mental health areas are integrated with the hospitals, providing more seamless care.

The former Headwaters Region Chair is on the CHR Board, and assures us that his initial concerns have been addressed, and that we should expect that we will be able to give the Calgary Health Region and the CHR Board a positive report card by next year.

The CHR board made a commitment to meet with municipal leaders at least once a year.

Ag. Minister hopeful in border re-opening



MLA Richard Marz and Shirley McClellan, Alberta's agriculture minister.

By Shaune Mohl

The BSE "Mad Cow" crisis which rocked Alberta's Agriculture industry isn't over just yet, warns Alberta's Agriculture Minister, Shirley McClellan, but added that Alberta is "getting the crisis under control."

McClellan, who was in Olds on Saturday, says that the agriculture industry has had some of the worst luck, and says that the crisis has had a ripple effect on all Albertans - not just the farmers and producers.

"It has been a challenging year, which came on the heels of a challenging year which I think made it even worse. When you had the worst drought you have had in 130 years, and you follow that up with a case of BSE I don't think you could create a worse recipe for bad news for the agricultural industry," McClellan said, who was speaking at the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills PC Association Annual General Meeting.

McClellan says that, at times, Albertans don't realize the effect that the "Mad Cow Crisis" has had on the Province.

"This has been felt in every corner of the Province," she said. "Sometimes we forget how hard this has been on our municipalities, sometimes we forget how hard it has been on the local dress shop. We think of the trucks, the people in the feed lots, and we think of the cow/calf producer. But, we forget the corner store, we forget the coffee shop, and we sometimes forget the hardware store. This has touched every-

one and I think that it is most interesting that it has even touched city people.

There are a lot of people and a lot of jobs attached to this."

McClellan says that Alberta has been criticized for stepping into federal government territories when it came to speaking out on the BSE crisis, and attempting to work with the United States to have the borders re-opened.

"At times we have been accused of being pushy or a little too aggressive."

But you know, I reminded my colleagues across Canada that Alberta has 70 per cent plus of the cattle in Canada. We feed almost 70 per cent of the cattle that are fed in Canada. Are we aggressive? Are we going to deal with this? You bet we are. This is a multi-billion business in our Province. And we are going to do everything that we can to assist them and to ride this wave on the upside."

McClellan touched on "rumours" which have been circulating that there has been a mismanagement of funds, as far as the \$400 million BSE aid package is concerned.

There have been some allegations that dollars have been going to the processors, rather than to the producers - which is incorrect, McClellan says.

"Every check that was made out under the BSE recovery program went to the owner of the cattle. I think that is where you would expect it to go," she said. "There has been no cover up (as we have been accused of). At the conclusion of the program I will present a list - and

it's long - of every check that was written, the person or corporation that it was written to and the amount that it was written for. When you accept public dollars you accept this accounting practice"

McClellan says that approximately 10 per cent of the \$400 million aid package has went to setting up a new testing lab in Edmonton to test for BSE which will put through a 1,000 tests a week, as well funds have been designated to try to find new homes for beef that once went south of the border.

"(Prior to this BSE crisis) 70 per cent went south, so we have to find a new home now."

McClellan says that the government has also been accused of using this aid package as a way to win the next election, which is also not correct, she says.

"This is not a political football. Hundreds of thousands of people's lives hang on this, and you are in a ranching country, in a feed lot country, in a barley country, in a silage company - you know that."

As far as when the borders will fully open again, McClellan didn't have any answers, but says she is hopeful.

McClellan recently went down to Washington on a two-day trip and met with the National Association of States Department of Agricultural.

"Their desire, I believe, is to resume normal trading as quickly as possible. (But,) they do have a process that they have to go through, and their rules are set and they have to follow them."



Dorothy Moore, Didsbury Mayor

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Memorial Park



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

The new Memorial Park is very exciting for the town of Didsbury and surrounding areas. When the park is complete it will be beautiful and fun. It will be a place to run in the mornings, a place to walk your dog at night, a place to play baseball or softball, or else watch your family and friends play. It will be a place to walk through hand in hand with your partner, or a place to play with your children. It can be a place we can all be a part of. Everyone who will use this park should get involved in it somehow. Think of how nice and rewarding it will be to enjoy the park knowing you took a part in creating it. There are many ways to get involved, you can get your hands dirty and offer your physical assistance. You can open your wallets and offer financial assistance, or you can open your mind and think and plan unique ideas and events to help raise money for it.

This park is going to become a big part of our town, and hopefully you will take advantage of having it here and make it a big part of your life. It will be around for years to come, so take part in it, be proud of it, and let's all work together to truly make it a park to remember.

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Our Words are..."

Recently I read that our words are seeds planted in the lives of others. What seeds are we planting in the lives of those around us, in our families, our friends, our community?

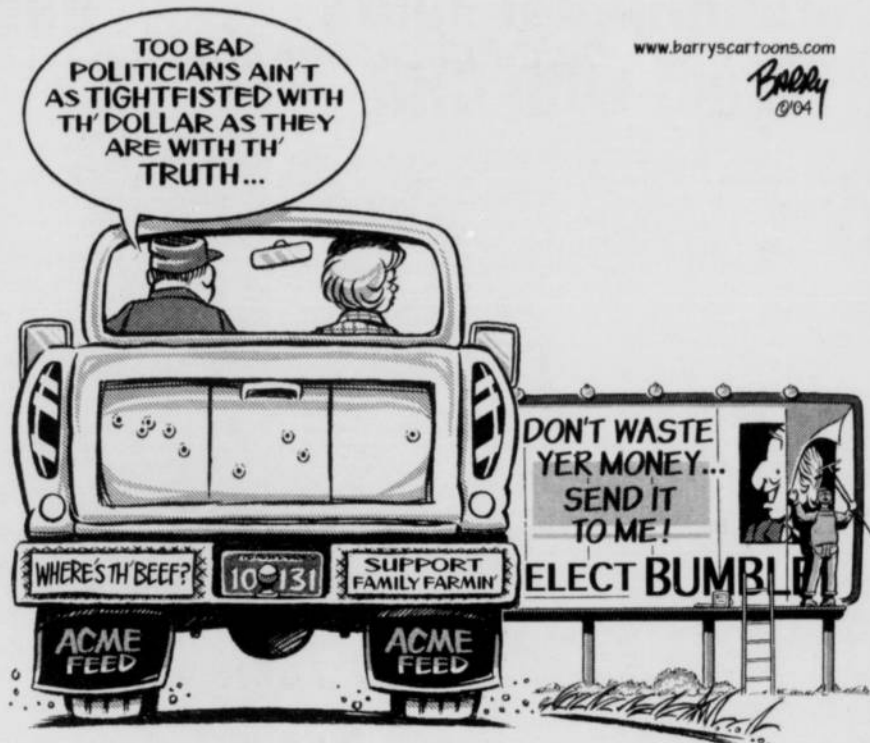
Are we sowing seeds of encouragement, hope, of rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep? Are we sowing seeds of thankfulness, or sowing seeds of ingratitude, complaining or murmuring?

When we meet people, do we leave them with a sense of well being, or do we leave them with a sense of "What's the use"?

Our words, our speech, should be seasoned with gentleness, with caring, with the knowledge that how we react to someone, the words we choose might just make a difference in their day, or in some way give them a much needed lift.

There are many people around us going through testing and difficult times, there are issues going on that we don't know anything about, burdens they are carrying, heavy hearts. What a privilege, what a challenge for us to guard our words, select them carefully, that we might sow seeds of love, seeds of being there for someone in just the way they need us that particular day.

What seeds will be sowed today?



A column by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

The week of March 10 to 17 marks Canadian Agricultural Safety Week. This year's theme is Farm Safety Makes Sense and it highlights the real costs of farm injuries and fatalities, both business and personal.

Farmers think about the costs of doing business every day. From the price of seed and fertilizer to machinery and equipment costs, how we spend our money is a critical part of our operation. But how much does a farm-related injury cost?

According to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program, nearly two-thirds of farm fatalities happen to the owner-operator. An injury or fatality can be a devastating blow to a farm's economic future. Let's face it; most farm owners are the primary op-

erator of their farms. Your operation depends on you. So whether you're working around livestock or farm equipment please take care safety is always worth it!

While there certainly is an economic cost to farm injuries, it is the personal cost that is the most devastating. For every preventable accident or death, a family and community have been changed forever. There is no dollar amount that can be attributed to an injury or a loss of life.

Farming can be a dangerous profession. Last year in Alberta, there were 1,376 farm-related accidents and 14 farm-related fatalities. Most of us have been touched by this statistic. I too experienced the loss of a dear friend and neighbour in a farm accident last year. One accident is too many, and we must do more as an

industry to keep our farms and ourselves safe.

Our department is excited to launch a new CD ROM entitled Farm Safety: It's No Accident! that will help producers assess the safety of their operations. Available free-of-charge, it provides checklists and goals sheets to help farmers start developing a safety plan for the operation.

From loss of productivity to loss of life, making farm safety a priority is essential to the future of any farm operation. I urge everyone who lives, works or visits a farm to be safe. We invest in our farms, so we should invest in our safety because "safe agriculture is a sound business practice that pays off."

Shirley McClellan
Deputy Premier and Minister



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FROM THE MAILBAG

We in Alberta don't get our products free

Dear Editor,

How wonderful for Albertans that last year the Tar Sands Production was 600 million barrels. I don't know if we received 1% royalty or we get 1% royalty after the oil companies show a profit but I know one thing. We in Alberta don't get our products free.

Our province which seems to give everything away; coal, oil, gas, and timber to the multi-nationals and then charge the citizens of Alberta top dollar has to grab a brain. We put 550 million dollars into the heavy oil upgrader at Lloydminster during the Getty years and then I believe Mr. Klein gifted that money to Husky Oil or Mr. Li Ka Shing the Chinese billionaire from Hong Kong and Shanghai because the project was not showing a profit.

I don't believe they were and are not showing a profit for one second. I believe the money accomplished the same thing as the 600 million dollar NovaTel project or the Lethbridge Magnesium plant.

Money into some person's pocket but out of our treasury. Our gas is \$3.32 at the pump today. It really is too bad Mr. Klein has someone else on his mind.

We are sitting by while our farmers and ranchers take a beating through the mad cow disease. I believe the mad cow disease is only a form of economic and biological warfare. Has anyone died yet in Alberta? We have faith in our beef! What we are watching is the destruction of the farm economy and we will soon see the buying out of the land from beneath the raw material producers at a \$0.75 dollar. When Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Klein brought in the free trade agreement the bankers then closed their trap on Canadians and said our dollar was worth \$0.73. Well folks that may be so but if we had an Alberta dollar it would be worth about \$1.40 as the investors sought to buy out the resources from the feeble minded running our province. We are in a trade war, an economic war, a biological war and an immigration war and we have not come to the realization that we are losing.

If you want to throw our borders open to slave labour products, and slave labour and give your land and resources away for nothing then continue to vote the same way. Mr. Lougheed took your money and loaned it out to who knows where; then Mr. Getty put us 32 billion dollars in debt; then Mr. Klein sold off much of our valuable assets and gave away at peanuts the resources and now we will see the final stage when the land goes. We have a Heritage Trust Fund that the Conservative Government plays the stock market with. Some Trust Fund! That money was ours and should have been loaned out to us through the

treasury branches or given to us as a dividend.

It all comes down to the vote. If we send our members of Parliament East to Ottawa as Conservatives we will see the same old cadavers reactivated and we will have no voice again. You know the G.S.T. people! The people who did well when Petrofina was bought up by Petro Canada and then bought out by the Canadian Govt. making some insiders wads of loot. The same people who gave the Contract Canadair of Winnipeg won to a Montreal company to repair C.F. 18 fighters. You know the Air Bus people. Sure I will vote for the Stephen Harper people, the man who voted for the Gun Bill on second reading.

In a pig's eye! Fool me once, shame on you, fool me 235 times, shame on me.

In 1936 the Social Credit Party halted the bankers in their tracks by suspending debts. After all the bankers pulled the money out of circulation and were destroying the West. The S.C. ran Alberta honestly for many years but when their heads swelled we kicked them out.

I can't vote for those who are destroying our province and although I will not vote federally any more I am asking the Social Credit people to come forward again and save our province as they once did.

Thank heaven there are still some of those people alive.

Dennis Combs

Will Justice Be Served?

Dear Editor:

Social Services should be interested in nurturing, helping and healing families - not tearing them apart! I have watched first hand, startling events that have torn an Alberta family asunder.

Starting near Lethbridge (in southern AB) in 1993 and travelling all the way to a Peace River courtroom (Feb. 20th /04) Mr. Wayne Neu was handcuffed and dragged from Family Court. Four bewildered children have been taken from loving parents that originally stemmed from an alleged incidence of family discipline. Within the law, spanking within reasonable limits has supposedly been upheld.

Yet on far too many occasions, children have been forcefully taken from parents (kicking and screaming) into control of Social Services unfairly. I have watched as Social Services (who are to be representatives of the people of AB) through trust and good will, abuse their prerogative as defenders and have rather become persecutors of those in faith-based loving families.

In the first sentence of preamble of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms it states: Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law.

Whether you (or I) are religious, or not, the Charter guarantees under Democratic Rights and Fundamental freedoms: (a) freedom of conscience and religion, (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression.

Yet time and time again, freedom to express fundamental beliefs in every day living situations are being challenged by an increasingly hostile secular court.

We are, in my opinion, witnessing a civil war on families and traditional values. Peculiarly Canadian, rights that are supposedly entrenched in the 1982 Charter are overruled by a power hungry tyrannical judicial system.

Tied to a U.N. incentive, the prize is our children and their future. The loss is our inalienable rights and heritage.

As any family, the Nue's may have made mistakes, but with the deception, bullying and seditious manner their case has been handled, this family has grounds to question the 'good will' of Child Welfare and Social Services. Today, I recognize, that my parents loved me enough to discipline me - when I needed it. Thank God!

"Return the Nue children to their mother"! Return Justice and decency as well!

David Klassen
Chairman - Sons and Daughters of Liberty

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Just to set the record straight

Dear Editor:

I would like to clarify the newspaper article printed in the Olds Albertan by Tamara Collins re- County's proposed plans on possible burial site. The people who reported this burial site asked that their names be kept confidential because they were afraid of being harassed. They were promised by the MVCTPA's mandate to uphold the rights and requests of our taxpayers. It would appear, the County is once more trying to discredit the MVCTP association, it is stated by Johnsrude, that none the less, we the County have contacted Alberta Government Service and will be addressing this with due diligence. Alberta Government Services was contacted by the MVCTPA prior to the County being notified. Hanson, Department of Cemeteries, asked that we please advise the County immediately of this burial site and she also asked we contact David Link - Archaeologist- Alberta Community Services. She said she would then contact the County once they were notified.

Mr. Johnsrude phoned me and demanded I give him the names of the people who signed the statements. I told him this was confidential information and they would report their information to Alberta Government Services when requested to do so. The MVCTPA has now contacted the County in regards to a land fill site in which the County disposed of barrels of waste materials from the County Shops. The MVCTPA has already contacted Alberta Environment and they have in return contacted the County and an investigation is pending. Just to set the record straight, its not the MVCTPA who haven't done their homework as stated by Councillor VanArman in the Hitchin Post awhile ago. I wonder how the County will attempt to discredit the MVCTPA on the issue of the existing old dump site that the Association exposed to Alberta Environment?

Kathy Blain
Communications Chairperson MVTA

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- MPC: March 24, 2004
- Community Services: March 23, 2004

There's still time to submit your entries for the
Didsbury Centennial Logo Contest.
All entries must be submitted by March 31, 2004 at the town office.

NEWS

Landfill *continued from front page*

Tony Martens, County assistant commissioner met with Alberta Environment on March 3 to discuss this issue.

"We met with them, and they are now investigating the possibility," said Martens. "They will let us know what they find out."

Alberta Environment was also contacted by the MVTA about the possible landfill site.

Alberta Environment's investigation will include an interview with Syd Vollmin, the current executive director for MVTA, on Mountain View County at the time the land was bought and the alleged burying of waste took place.

Vollmin sat on council for 18 years, (12 as Reeve).

He said he could not help the investigation because "I don't know anything about it."

Vollmin said he can remember the county purchased the land for the purpose of building an airport and using the rest as a landfill site.

"We didn't know, until somebody told us, that you couldn't have a landfill beside an airport because of the birds it would attract," said Vollmin.

He doesn't rule out this most resent claim because "there was many things that went on I didn't know what happened."

Vollmin said it was common practice, 30 years ago, for many municipalities to bury things.

"It was normal (back then) to bury stuff, every town has. I could never see the sense of taking our garbage to Calgary or Rocky Mountain House to bury it. I always thought we should be taking care of it on our own," said Vollmin.

The MVTA letter sent to the

county claims "we feel this is an environmental issue which could pose a possible serious health threat to the public as well as present county employees who will be working at this location. We are also of the understanding that water wells will be drilled in this immediate area, and due to the nature of this landfill site, the County must proceed with due diligence to address and resolve this problem before forging forward with the new building."

This is the second letter the County has received from the MVTA regarding the land the new administration building is to be built on.

The first letter stated people came forward to the MVTA with information of possible burial grounds or a grave site on the land. The County is still investigating whether or not this is true.

"We have talked to people in the province and they are sending us a letter of recommendations as to what we should do," said Martens. "These are things we have to look at, if there is a burial ground we don't want to disturb it."

In each letter MVTA states these are not attempts to delay the proposed construction of the new county building, rather they are only relaying information that was given to them. They are not sure why this information is being given to them and not to the County.

Vollmin said most of the information that comes forward to MVTA happens during the discussion that occurs after MVTA meetings.

"You get people who are dissatisfied and bring us information. When this guy came to me

(to tell about the possible landfill site) I told him to (tell the other executive members) because I didn't want anything to do with it," said Vollmin.

He said whatever is there is the responsibility of this present council.

"It has to be dealt with and they (ratepayers) have the right to bring it up," said Vollmin.

Martens said the county is taking necessary steps to deal with this information.

"We will do whatever Alberta Environment tells us to do about the possible landfill site," said Martens. "Our records do show that the area was cleaned up when we bought the land, and some things were buried there, but

not a landfill site."

According to Martens six test holes were drilled on the property and nothing was found.

"It is only six holes so we could of missed something," he said. "If these things are there then we will deal with it."

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA LOAN BYLAW NO. 05/04

SECTION 265 - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of Mountain View County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to loan Bylaw No. 05/04 on February 25, 2004 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of Mountain View County to lend monies to the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission to assist in the purchase of bins for rural bin pickup service.

The maximum amount of the loan is Ninety-seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-six (\$97,896) Dollars and will not exceed Mountain View County's debt limit. The minimum rate of interest on the loan to the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission shall be equivalent to the annual rate of interest the County earns on the previous year's long term investments. The source of the money to be loaned shall be funds in the County's Working Capital Reserve. The issuance of the loan shall be provided subject to an agreement between Mountain View County and the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission. The loan shall be issued in such a manner that the principal and interest will be made payable in, as nearly as possible, equal annual installments over a maximum period of six (6) years with no prepayment penalty.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of Mountain View County that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No. 05/04 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the said Council may pass the said loan bylaw.

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

Anyone wishing to file a petition regarding the proposed Bylaw must do so in compliance with the requirements contained in Sections 222-226 and 231 of the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

The petition must be filed with the County Commissioner of Mountain View County within 15 days after the last date on which the proposed Bylaw is advertised.

DATE of the last publication of this notice is March 17, 2004.

Only electors of Mountain View County are eligible to be petitioners.

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the *Municipal Government Act* an "elector" means:

A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if that person:

- (a) is at least 18 years old,
- (b) is a Canadian citizen, and
- (c) has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is a resident in the area on election day.

The petition must be signed by electors of Mountain View County equal in number to at least 10 percent of the population.

Each page of the petition must contain an identical statement of purpose of the petition, the petitioner's given name and signature, the street address of the petitioner or the legal description of the land upon which the petitioner lives, and the date on which the petitioner signs the petition. An adult witness to the signature of each petitioner must sign opposite the petitioner's signature and swear an affidavit that the petitioner is entitled to sign a petition. The petition must also attach a signed statement of a person who states to be the representative of the petitioners and whom the municipality may direct inquiries about the petition.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. Copies of the proposed Bylaw and related documents may be obtained during regular office hours, Monday to Friday inclusive from:

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Neighborhood

Teaching a dog to help people with disabilities

by Tamara Collins

Local woman, Coreen Froese, has taken on a new challenge in her life. On Dec. 15th Froese became an official puppy raiser for PADS, and brought "Chase" into her home to train.

PADS, Pacific Assistance Dogs Society, is a charitable, non-profit organization located in Burnaby, B.C. They serve people in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Their mission is to raise and train dogs for people who are facing the daily challenges of a disability other than blindness, in order to provide them a greater level of independence and enhanced quality of living.

"I have always been interested in doing something, in the summer I found the PADS website, and it had a Calgary link," said Froese. "I had never found something like this in the area before."

Chase, who came from a breeder in Kentucky, was chosen



Chase

by PADS based on his behaviour. They decided he had the right personality for this type of work.

"I take him wherever I go," said Froese. "It's part of the training. He comes to work, shopping, church, and restaurants with me. It is all part of socializing him for any situation."

Chase was donated to PADS when he was eight weeks old, and will stay with Froese until he is a year, which will be in October.

The dogs used to stay under the care of the dog owner until they were 17 months old, this recently changed so it would be easier on the families, and less of a time commitment.

"I really enjoy doing this but it is a lot of work," said Froese. "It is a lot harder than I thought it would be. It is so fun watching him pick up the different commands I have been teaching him."

The dog trainers are responsible for teaching the animal basic obedience, taking them to a puppy class every Monday night, and taking the dog with them everywhere.

"I am getting him accustomed to crowd noises," said Froese. "I have taken him to hockey games in Carstairs. People are usually pretty understanding that I have to take him everywhere with me, I sometimes have problems in restaurants."

If ever a time comes when Froese has to be away from Chase, puppysitters are available.

"The first time I ever had to give Chase to a puppysitter was very hard for me," said Froese. "I gave them a long list of his likes and dislikes, and had to tell them what he likes to do, etc."

Chase is a Toy Golden Doodle, which is a Golden Retriever, Toy Poodle cross. PADS trains mostly Golden Retrievers, Labs, and standard Poodles. They partner the small dogs with people with hearing impairments because the dog alert sounds by jumping on a person's lap or by getting excited. They alert noises such as traffic noises, door bells, phones, and baby's crying. They are also trained to pick things up the person may have dropped without realizing it.

After Chase leaves Froese's care, he will head back to Burnaby for four to six more months of training, then he will

be placed with a person with a hearing impairment. Chase will learn some sign language for obedience commands.

"I have always enjoyed working with people and animals, and now I do both," said Froese. "I really like the idea of dogs helping people with disabilities do difficult things, it fascinates me."

Once her time with Chase is up, Froese is not sure if she will train a new dog.

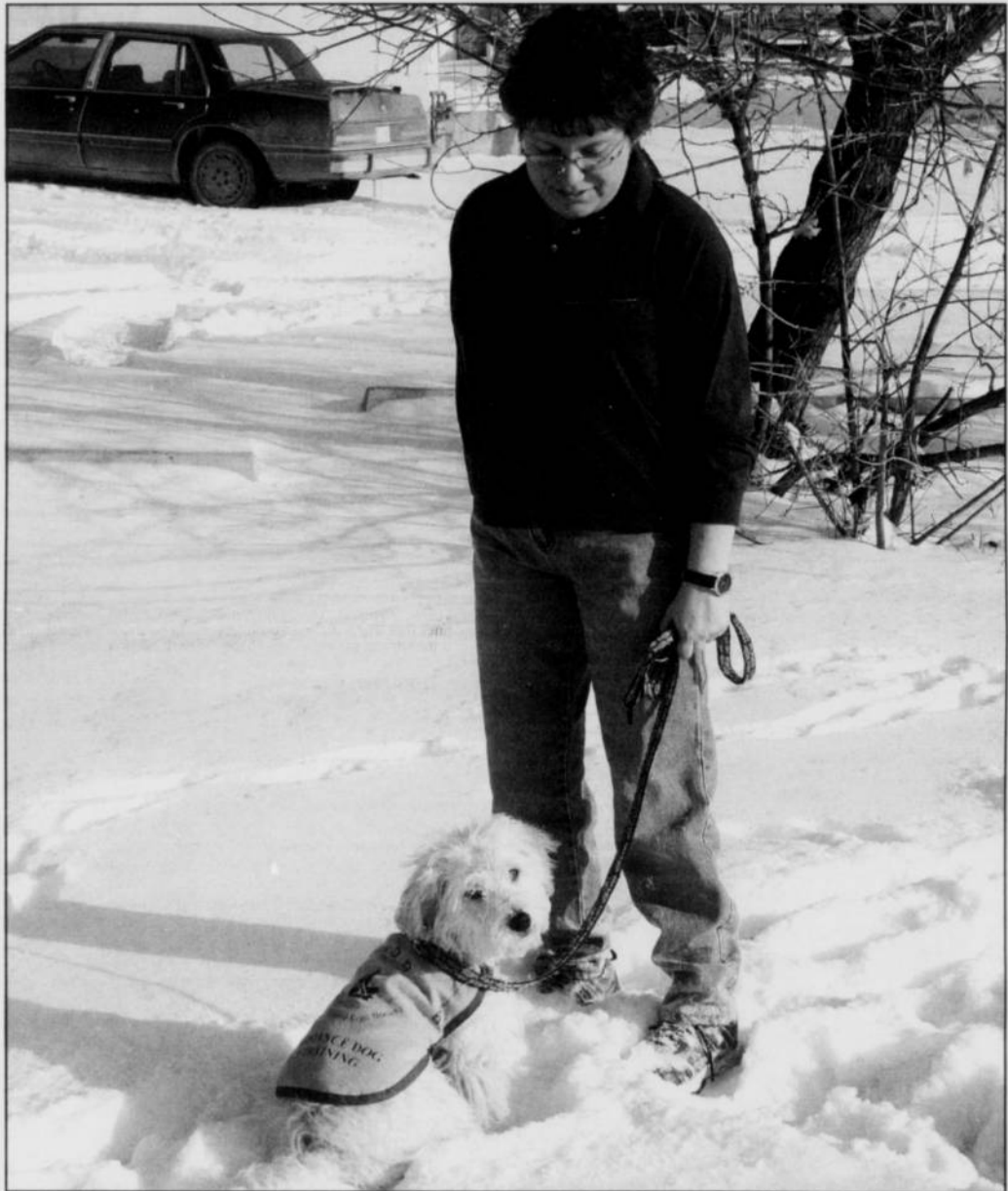
"It will be very hard to let him go," said Froese. "I hear it is easier to adjust if you get a new dog, but we will see. If not I will be a puppy sitter."

If you are interested in becoming a puppyraiser you must go

through a screening process. You can have other pets, but no puppies under 12 months of age, no more than three other dogs, all must be spayed or neutered and have all vaccinations up to date including rabies and bordetella.

If you see a dog that is being trained (they wear a bright yellow vest that says they are being trained), you must ask before you pet them otherwise it distracts them, and they are to pay attention to their partner at all times.

In an average PADS places about 10 dogs a year. For more information you can visit the PADS website at www.padsdogs.org.

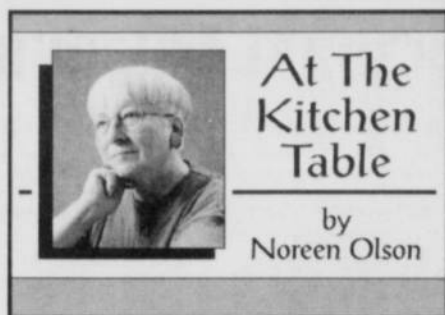


Coreen Froese teaching Chase basic obedience.

photos by Tamara Collins

NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE

At The
Kitchen
Tableby
Noreen Olson

IT'S A BOY

Maxwell Norman Dmitruk Olson was born Monday February 23, 2004 at 9:04 A.M. He weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches tall. He has dark blue eyes that will probably be hazel like his Mommy's, and a downy cap of dark brown hair. He does not have his Dad's double crown and I am mostly relieved but maybe a little bit sorry. Max small ears lay flat to his well shaped head and, like his Dad, Granddad and Great Granddad he will have beautiful hands because he has extraordinarily long fingers and toes. He is healthy and perfect and as all babies are, he is miraculous and beautiful. He is a first grandchild for his Grandma and Grandpa Dmitruk, only the second for us, and we are all totally delighted with his safe arrival.

Dear baby Max, your Grandma and Grandpa Olson can hardly wait to introduce you to this part of your heritage and the world that shaped your dad. We are not sure that we will be around to watch you become a man but we will certainly be here for a good bit of your childhood and it is our fervent wish that much of that childhood be spent as a "farm" kid. A farm kid is a very good thing to be. Farm kids can run and run without getting into traffic, they get new kittens every year, peas straight from the garden and raspberries right off the bush. They get to see the stars and listen to coyotes howl and climb the big rock. They throw stones into puddles and fall in the creek. They chase cows, watch rose buds open and are not afraid of bees. They learn that in order for anything to grow and thrive it must be nurtured and cared for. They appreciate changing seasons, planting and harvest, they see calves born and when they are older they learn that death is a part of life. They ride the grain truck with Daddy and the Gator with Grandpa and they learn the names of all the birds and flowers.

Because both your mother and father have mechanical skills you will probably be driving the Gator as soon as you can walk and programming a computer at about the same time. Please don't try any of the larger vehicles until you can safely reach the brake pedals and feel free to advise Grandma about her driving. Your Dad started when he was about two.

Your mother and father will very capably take charge of all the regular things like your religious education, school, security, food, love, clothes, health, cleanliness and general welfare and we know that by their example you will learn common sense, honesty, kindness and responsibility. I hope you have a strong sense of curiosity and you were probably born with a well developed sense of responsibility. I know your dad was. I hope you have his humor and gentleness along with your Mom's patience, creativity and appreciation of art.

You are going to love Grandpa Olson. He is warm and gentle and quiet and will love you unconditionally. I should warn you about unnecessary screaming and really loud noises however. I don't like crying and sticky spots and I have a phobia about spilled milk but I find I am more tolerant than I used to be. Try to sit still during meals, don't pull too many leaves off the plants and please let us read to you. We hope you like Dr. Seuss, Robert Munsch, funny papers and Good Night Moon. We hope you like Dairy Queen and I hope you like Winnie the Pooh. I plan to make you a Tigger and a Kanga to go with your Dad's good old well patched Eeyore.

Welcome to the world dear little Maxwell. May it be a bright and happy place for you. We are so glad that you are here.

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by Noreen Olson

Annual "Spring Dance" this month

Thurs. Mar. 11

Today at Brown Bag Theatre at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon sharp you will see "Celtic Spirits - Join two Cape Breton fiddlers as they journey to Ireland, Scotland and Wales and Brittany, seeking out the music of their ancestors. They find that extraordinary music is born in the homes of ordinary people. Enjoy, this is the last in the series.

Thurs. Mar. 11

All seniors of the town and district are invited to Eldon Foote Hall from 1pm-4pm for a variety of programs, cards, board games and refreshments are served.

Fri. Mar. 12

Everyone is welcome to the Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale at the Cremona Congregational Church from 5pm-7:30pm. Admission is at the door, all proceeds will be used for Missions.

Sat. Mar. 13

Your support will be duly appreciated by the Didsbury Lions Club when they hold the Annual Auction Sale in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex, doors open at 11:00am and the Auction starts at 12:00pm. There will be coffee, donuts and a concession for you to enjoy while there. Fred Morrish at 335-3646 will gladly pick up good donated items.

With the way the weather was this morning (snow, wind, drifting) it doesn't seem much like soccer should be the topic, but soccer registrations are being held Wed. Mar 10 and Wed Mar 17 from 6:30pm-9:00pm in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex. Please remember to bring your child's or childrens Alberta Health Care, and any equipment that doesn't fit this year to the registration. Volunteers are really needed also. More info 335-2090.

Be sure you have your entries in for the St. Patrick's Open Mixed Bonspiel which will run Mar 15-21, with a banquet and dance Sat. night. All league awards will also be given out and a silent auction will go on until 11:00pm. Phone Ken and Shelley 335-4182, Brad and Cindy 335-8277, Curling Rink 335-3661 or sign up at the Curling Rink.

Tues. Mar. 16

All residents of the Mountain View Community are invited to the annual meeting of the Mountain View Community Association at the Mountain View Community Hall at 7:30pm.

Thurs. Mar. 18

If you plan to go to the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie for the "Big Band Honeymoon" your money must be in today. Phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 to reserve your seat. The bus will leave the 5-0 Centre at 6:00pm on Thurs. Mar 25.

Fri. Mar. 19

The Didsbury and District Historical Society invite you to a Roast Beef Supper at the Elks Hall, doors open at 6:30pm, supper at 7:00pm. Tickets from Penny at Carousel Cottage 335-

9883 or at the Museum when you visit or phone 335-9295.

Fri. Mar. 19, Sat. Mar. 20 and Sun. Mar. 21

Fri. and Sat. at 7:00pm, Zion Evangelical Church invite you to the performance "The Gentleman From Indiana" to be followed by coffee, tea and dessert. Sun. afternoon at 4:00pm for the family. More details from the church office 335-3629.

Sat. Mar. 20

The annual "Spring Dance" is being held at the Lone Pine Hall, doors open at 8:00pm, dance at 9:00pm and a late nite lunch will be served. Ruth Purvis Smith & Co. will provide the music. Tickets by phoning 335-9925 or 337-2223.

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Healing Rooms Didsbury Update

DIDSBURY AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Up and Down The Fireman's Ladder

Tyrone Patten

Until this morning it looked like spring had arrived. But, as we all know how things work here, it now looks like winter is just beginning. I'm sure that in no time we will be back in sunshine again.

Spring always means yearly evaluation time on training nights and without fail, Training Officer O'Dell had enough evaluation forms for everyone. We had several nights to work on the evaluations and we should be done soon.

On February 4th we welcomed Doug Sharpe and Gary Dolha of Atco Gas at our meeting. They gave us an educational and entertaining program on Emergency Natural Gas Procedures. Since just about everyone has gas in their homes and offices, it is vital that we know how to react when natural gas is involved in an emergency.

We were invited to tour the new senior's lodge that will soon open beside the hospital. Again, it is important for us to be able to pre-plan for any emergency that may arise and a look at the new buildings helps us to prepare.

Since last report we have responded to 15 calls. They were:

- Ambulance Assists - 4
- MVA's - 4
- Chimney fires - 3
- Structure fires - 1
- Vehicle fires - 1
- HazMat incidents - 1
- Mutual Aid - 1
- Day calls - 4
- Evening calls - 9
- Night calls - 2

The total calls put us in the field for 15.5 hours in all.

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After more than a year of shopping and debate, Town Council decided to purchase two 48 gallon chemical cylinders for Town fire protection. Their other options were either too expensive (\$20,000 - \$30,000) or impractical (1 - 60 gallon cylinder). The cost of the new equipment would be less than \$1000.00 for the 2 cylinders and less than \$2000 for a building to store them in.

Until next month everyone, stay safe and happy.

Q. What if I come for prayer and nothing seems to happen- can I come back or is that a lack of faith?

A. In the Bible in Mark 8:24, Jesus ministered to a blind man at Bethsaida and asked the man if he saw anything. The man replied that he saw men like trees, walking so his healing was not yet complete. Then Jesus ministered to him again

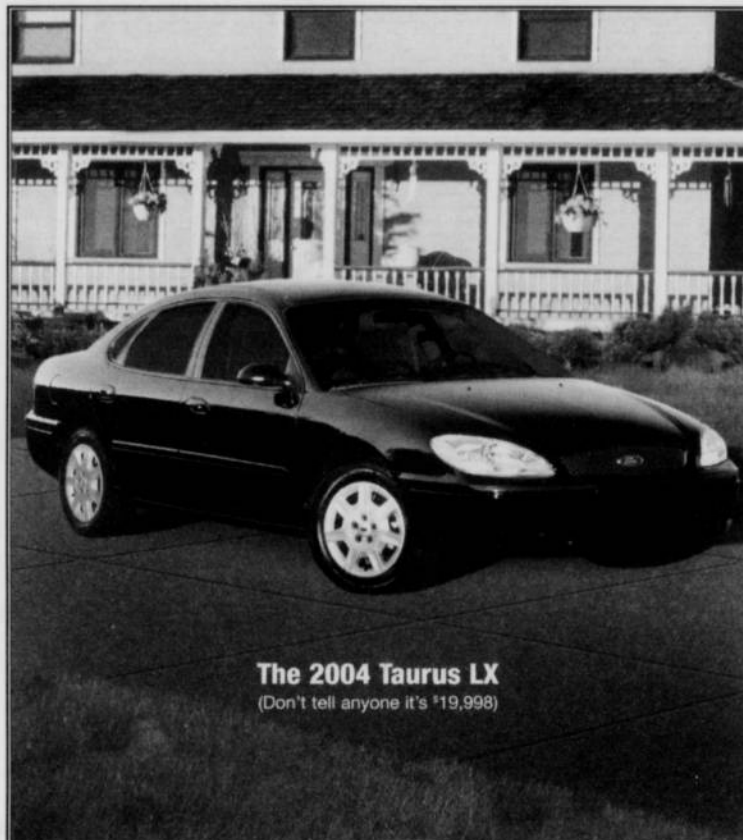
and the blind man was completely restored and "saw everything clearly." So, if it was necessary for Jesus to pray again for this man, we make no apologies for doing the same. We'll pray for you until you are fully restored. After all, how many times do people go back to the doctor? Sometimes faith means we don't give up so easily.

Here is an amazing testimony from our headquarters in Spokane, WA. from 1999, soon after the healing rooms opened there. Linda Davies was a young woman living in California who had gotten caught up in a lifestyle of drug addiction. She gave her heart to the Lord, was delivered from the addictions and enrolled in a ministry program eager to

give away the life she had received from Jesus. She began to feel ill and was diagnosed with HIV - 35,000 parts HIV- and told to go home and prepare to die. Home for Linda was Spokane. She heard about the healing rooms and went there for help. She went for prayer every week for 5 months and each time her checkup showed the HIV

count going down until after 5 months she was pronounced HIV free. Today, Linda is a healthy, vibrant woman working on the healing rooms teams giving away the gift she freely received which saved her life.

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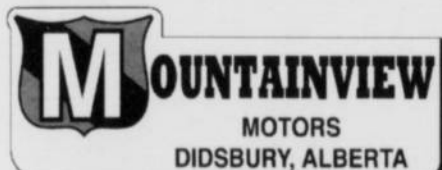
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Faces

Take a stroll through the Volunteer Village



Rhonda Hunter

The Town of Didsbury is inviting all those who visit this year's Trade Show on April 3rd and 4th to take a moment to stroll through one of their newest exhibits; the **Volunteer Village**.

The Village is being introduced this year as a separate section in the Trade Show that showcases many of the different volunteer organizations that play a big role in the day to day lives of this community.

Town Representative, Rhonda Hunter, says the Volunteer Village is a great way for community groups to gain exposure and meet the public. "We are offering these

organizations and groups 15 booths to showcase the many different ways they contribute to this community," explains Hunter. "There are over 2000 visitors to the Trade Show each year, so we just thought what better place to give them recognition but at such a popular venue. There's a lot of really great people out there who are doing a lot of work in this community that many of us just don't know about..."

But the Town's recognition of volunteers during Trade Show weekend doesn't end there. This year Didsbury's FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) group are hosting a **Volunteer Social** on

Friday, April 2nd, from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the Curling Rink Lounge. "All volunteers that work in Didsbury are invited to attend," says Hunter. "We'll have lots of music and entertainment, so it should be a good time for everyone..."

To pay further homage to volunteers, the Town will also be recognizing them with a series of **Volunteer Awards**. The awards, Hunter explains, are broken down into various categories including: best rural volunteer, teen volunteer, and family volunteers. "There will also be an award for outstanding community member and best senior volunteer." Nominations for the

volunteer awards are being accepted until March 26th. "All awards will be presented at 12:30 pm on Saturday, April 3rd at the Trade Show." Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or group for the awards can pick up a nomination form at the Town Office or Memorial Complex.

"I think this is an event that will work well for volunteers," says Hunter. "I'm hoping this brings them the recognition they deserve."

For more information on any of the volunteer activities, please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 335-3391 or stop by the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

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Anyone with a wedding, anniversary or birthday celebration coming up is well advised to add this name to their rolodex; **Novia Weddings and Events**.

Novia (Spanish for bride) Weddings and Events is the mastermind of local entrepreneur, Lee-Anne Akister, who offers her expert planning and consulting services in as much, or as little as you may need them for your situation.

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vendor negotiations, accommodation bookings, and even advice on etiquette.

Working with a motto of "your day, your style", Akister is determined to find the right balance of creativity and (budget) reality that ultimately makes or breaks any event.

"The idea here is that my job is not to take over your wedding or event entirely...rather to guide and advise you on how best to make it a success; one that people will look back on positively."

Known amongst her friends as the "Queen of lists" Akister says it's her attention to detail, resourcefulness and past experience that she will rely upon

the most with her business.

"There are so many ways you can work around things if you just use your imagination," she says. "...I'm really into rubber stamping - it's personal, creative, and a lot of times a lot cheaper to use on invitations rather than going out and buying your own."

Having worked on a number of weddings and anniversaries in the past, Akister recognizes how important it is to be realistic about what is possible at your event. "A lot of time people just don't realize how to go about it, what is involved and how to pull it all together."

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"As far as I know I'm the only one doing this between Red Deer and Airdrie...but that doesn't mean I'm going to be priced like the companies are in city. I'm definitely not city-priced."

Anyone wishing to book the services of Novia Weddings and Events can give Akister a call at 335-2388.

Event packages and on-line pricing are available on her website at: www.members.shaw.ca/NoviaEvents.



Lee-Anne Akister

Make a Date with "The Gentleman from Indiana"

When did you last spend time with a real gentleman?

ZEM & Friends Theatre Players would like to extend an invitation for you to do just that March 19th, 20th and 21st by way of their latest production; **"The Gentleman from Indiana"**.

Set in the late 1800's, this locally performed musical production details the adventures of John Harkless portrayed by Allen Reed. In the production, Harkless is a recent graduate from a prestigious university in the East who leaves New York to open his own newspaper in a small town in Indiana. Some of the local don't take kindly to Harkless' revelations with the help of his "other-side-of-the-track" cohorts. This involves Harkless in a feud that has been ongoing for 70 years.

"This one really stretched me as an actor," admits Reed who also acted in last year's successful rendition of Janette Oke's "When Calls the Heart". "...I'm doing things in this one that I never thought I could do. It's a very big time commitment too, but I think it's all going to be worth it in the end."

"The Gentleman from Indiana" is based on a story written by David Landrum. One of the production's Co-Directors, Jeanette Oke, was invited to the States last year by a production company to determine whether the story could, indeed, work as a musical. Thanks to some excellent work done by Galloway and Landrum Productions, it was, and so Oke felt inspired to reproduce it for audiences here,

with the help of her colleagues and fellow Directors, Suzi Neufeld and Helen Entwistle.

"This is the kind of story that reveals some very family-oriented kinds of values - the Golden Rule, that kind of thing," explains Reed. "The story also serves as a reminder that when grown-ups get themselves tangled up in controversy, it is often the kids who suffer. But it is also the kids that lead the way to reconciliation."

Work on the production began last fall and involves a cast and crew of about 50 people (including musicians and technical advisors). Fans of "When Calls the Heart" will recognize familiar faces featured last year as well as new talent drawn from Didsbury, Olds and Carstairs. The orchestra is composed of local performers and

includes the barber-shoppe quartet styled talents of "Like Father, Like Son" and participation from the Olds based, Christian Blue Grass group, "A Chordin' To The Gospel".

For the past nine months, Reed and other members of the cast have rehearsed upwards of three times a week mastering their lines and polishing their rendition of the 13 songs included in the production. "We're really hoping for as good a turnout as we had last year," says Reed. "I believe we had a sold-out crowd of 500 for three consecutive shows."

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for "A Gentleman from Indiana" can do so at Olds Value Drug Mart, Contemporary Graphics, Zion Evangelical Missionary Church or

through Lisa Gardner (Carstairs).

Friday (March 19) and Saturday (March 20) performances feature a Dessert Theatre at 7:00 pm (with the performance at 7:30 pm). Sunday's presentation (March 21) will be a Matinee.



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Memorial Park, making its mark in Didsbury



Memorial Park in the works.

by Tamara Collins

The Memorial Park project is well underway, the motion to have it was first passed by council in February of 2002, presently the four ball diamonds are all levelled, and the rocks are all picked out, so what now?

"The next step is fencing," said Chris McKenna, Town director of operations.

Between \$100,000 and \$120,000 has already been spent on the park, and now it is time to get active.

"It would be great if we could get all the groups that will be using the park involved in different ways to help out," said Rhonda Hunter, Town director of community services. "We want to put together a Memorial Park Action Committee."

The Town will be accessing all available grants for the project, without taking away from any other projects going on.

Within the 12 acres of land for the park, the plans include a full size baseball diamond, two slow-pitch/fastball diamonds, and a kid's diamond. It will also include a playground, outdoor theatre, and a pond which will be used for skating in the winter.

The park will also feature a 1.5 km trail throughout the park that people can walk, jog, bike, or roller blade on, with a great view of the ball diamonds, the playground, the outdoor theatre, the pond, and plenty of green space. The trail will be paved with a line marking two lanes.

"We have raised \$5000 so far for the trial," said Hunter.

There are donation packages available such as; you can purchase one metre of the

listed on a Tree Donor display board. Any of these packages make great gift ideas, or are just a great way to purchase a memory.

The grass seeds have all been spread, and the grass will grow in over the summer. The Town thanks Wayne and Ron Poffenroth and Dwayne Archer for their help doing this.

The park will officially open in the spring of 2005. The stage will open this summer, and the diamonds, fencing, and the trail will ideally be roughed in by September.

"We will have the grand opening in the spring of 2005," said Hunter. "We will continue to expand on the park, there is a lot of potential down the road for freestyle BMX."

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Memorial Park Action Committee, you can call Rhonda Hunter at 335-3391.

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Alberta

MVCU annual meeting good news

by Tamara Collins

Mountain View Credit Union (MVCU) held its 27th annual meeting on March 3, at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. People filled the room, and the night was filled with entertainment by Noreen Olson, food catered by Good and Plenty, awards, speeches and nominations.

MVCU president Niel Vanderzwan started the meeting off introducing himself, and then selecting which tables would eat first by asking skill testing questions.

After the meal service awards



MVCU president Niel Vanderzwan

were presented to Jennifer Ware, Tracy Stern, Loretta Permann, Wade Larder, Laura Jarvis, Lisa Hays, and William Deederly for three years of service. Five year awards were presented to Kristy McArthur, Bernice Miller, Ruth Reilly, and Lisa Sylvestre. Two 10 year awards were given to Barb Aarts and Stan Hobbs, a 15 year



photos by Tamara Collins

Bonnie Simpson was presented with a 15 year service award, and Glenn Venaas was presented with a 30 year award.

award to Bonnie Simpson, and one 30 year award to Glenn Venaas.

Two new board members were elected, Hermann Epp of Didsbury and Ron Armstrong of Linden, and Neil Vanderzwan was re-elected.

"I am looking forward to the challenge," said Epp. "I am anticipating working with this group of people."

Epp became a member of the MVCU 12 years ago, after not feeling happy with his bank at the time. Since becoming a member he has never looked back, and now his two daughters and their families are all members too.

"The service is a lot more personal," said Epp. "It is a pleasant place to go, and a positive experi-

ence dollar wise too."

Epp and Armstrong were chosen from six candidates.

"I feel very fortunate to have been nominated," said Epp. "I had no perceived idea, but I was very pleased."

Vanderzwan has been on the board for 12 years, and is looking forward to continuing his journey with them. Armstrong is following in his father's footsteps who was once president of the board.

The MVCU posted earnings of \$1,781,590 million for the 2003 fiscal year, prior to the patronage allocations and income taxes.

"This performance enabled your Board of Directors to declare a six percent common share dividend, a patronage rebate of two

per cent on loan interest, and a patronage bonus of two percent on deposit interest," said Vanderzwan. "Dividends and patronage payments totalling \$683,337 were credited to Common Share Accounts on Nov. 30. Sharing our success makes your Credit Union unique among all financial institutions in the communities we serve."

Member deposits increased by 10.8 percent (\$20.3 million), and it finished the year at \$207,792,811. Loans to members increased by 16.8 percent (\$26.6 million), finishing the year at

\$184,841,962.

"Mountain View Credit Union has continued to grow and develop in 2003. It is a strong and vibrant organization dedicated to providing quality service. With your continued support, we will continue to play a pivotal leadership role in the delivery of financial services in Central Alberta" said the report.

A new branch in Crossfield is expected to open in the near future. After a successful opening for the MVCU in Linden last year, the Credit Union will continue to expand and grow.

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Ford helping kids play hockey



Wayne Gretzky

by Tamara Collins

Throughout the months of March and April Didsbury residents can visit their local Ford dealership to support the used hockey equipment drive for youth.

This program is being run through the Wayne Gretzky Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to providing youth throughout North America with the opportunity to experience hockey.

"We're excited to be working with Wayne and his foundation again this year on this wonderful initiative to bring hockey to children who wouldn't otherwise be able to play the game," said Kevin Allison, dealer principal, Mountain View Motors (MVM). "We had a tremendous response to the event last year from the people of Didsbury and I'm sure this year will be even better."

charity that provides free sports equipment to less fortunate children, to distribute donated equipment to youth in need.

Once the program is complete, Esporta Wash Systems, an official supplier to Hockey Canada and the leader in providing cleaning solutions for sports equipment will provide free washing and sorting of the collected items for the second year.

"There are so many kids who love the game of hockey, but will never have the chance to play," said Gretzky. "Hockey is expensive, the equipment, the ice time, the practices all cost money, money some families just don't have. That's why we created the Wayne Gretzky Foundation. With the support of our partners, Ford of Canada and the Canadian Ford Dealers, we will strive to ensure every child who wants to play hockey is able to do so."

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Assault *continued from front page*

Alyce's husband Reg, who was in the house at the time, said he ran to his wife's aid when she screamed. Finding her unconscious, he called 911.

"It could have killed her," said Reg. "If she hadn't gone to see them out, maybe they would have done it to me, which I wish they had instead of her. This has to be premeditated because of the way they each grabbed her legs."

After dropping the woman, the men fled the residence without saying another word, he said.

"As soon as she hit the floor, they left. They didn't say anything. They didn't say I'm sorry or can I help you. They were gone. I don't know if they even took time to put their shoes on. They just left in their truck," he

said.

The couple say the men made no demands and did not steal anything. The couple say they have never had any difficulty with the men before.

Alyce - who was a school teacher in Mountain View County for 47 years and who was recently nominated for the Citizen of the Century award in Carstairs, says she taught the both men Grade 12.

Police have arrested two 48-year-old men, Stuart and Kenneth Bell, in connection with the incident, said Didsbury RCMP Const. Steve Woolnaugh confirmed Saturday.

The men are scheduled to make their first appearance in Calgary provincial court on Monday. The police investigation is continuing, said Cpl. Archer.

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Investigation continues in Sundre shooting deaths

by Dan Singleton

The RCMP investigation into a murder-suicide that left two men dead and a 33-year-old woman in hospital with gunshot wounds in Sundre on Feb. 27 continues, with investigators still conducting interviews with parties of interest, say police.

Questions still to be answered include where the weapon used in the slayings came from, and whether alcohol or drugs were involved.

Sundre RCMP say resident Darcy Doyle forced his way into a rural home two kilometres east of town at about 10:30 on Feb. 27. Once inside he produced a sawed-off shotgun and shot homeowner Dick Ratcliff in the chest, killing him.

He then chased his estranged Nicolette Doyle into the yard and shot her, wounding her. Darcy then returned to the house and killed himself.

Nicolette Doyle remains in hospital with undisclosed, non-life threatening injuries.

The autopsies on both men have been completed, although the official results have not been released.

Darcy Doyle was facing two charges of uttering threats against Ratcliff and Nicolette Doyle at the time of the shooting. Those charges stemmed from an Feb. 11 incident when the accused allegedly threatened to kill both individuals.

Police seized five unregistered firearms from Doyle's Sundre-area residence on that day.

Nicolette Doyle approached RCMP on Feb. 16 and asked that the conditions of Darcy Doyle's release, which include a no contact condition, be withdrawn.

"It was suggested to her that she phone the Crown," said Sundre RCMP Sgt.

Jay Arsenault. "She did the next day and talked to a secretary about what her wishes were."

The next day, on Feb. 17, Nicolette Doyle telephoned Crown prosecutors in Calgary and asked that the conditions and charges of uttering threats pending against Darcy be withdrawn. (That request came in the form of a telephone call to the Crown's office, not through an email as previously reported).

The Crown had been prepared to have Darcy Doyle enter into a peace bond, a civil agreement between the accused and Crown guaranteeing good behaviour, in exchange for having the charges dropped, said Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott.

Darcy Doyle was scheduled to be in court on the charges on March 1 when the charges were going to be withdrawn, he said.

Toxicology tests are still

pending in the case, as are the findings of an examination of the unregistered sawed-off shotgun used in the shootings, said Cpl. Rob Lidgett.

More than 400 people attended Ratcliff's funeral at the McDougal Flats Missionary Church on Friday afternoon.

The service included ad-

resses from family and friends about Ratcliff's love of outdoor activities.

Ratcliff's sister, Shelley Hutchinson, remembers her brother as a friendly person who got along well with everyone he met.

"He has been described as just a teddy bear of a guy," she said. "He had a very big heart."

She said police investigators have been keeping her well involved about the case, and she feels they did everything they could to prevent the tragedy.

"They have been very helpful," she said. "I feel they did what they needed to do."

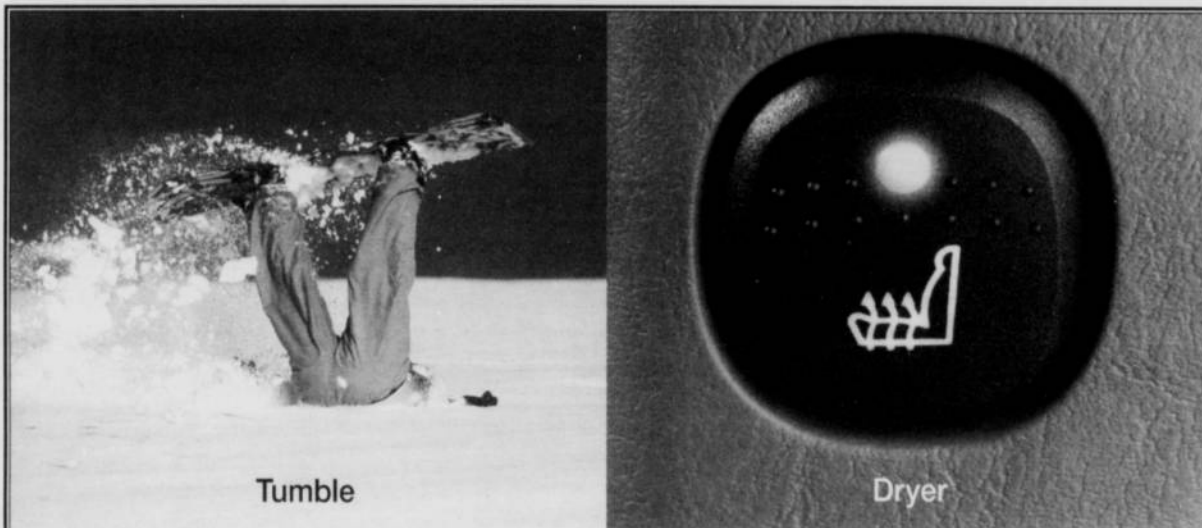
Wendy Dichrow, Director at Sundre's Greenwood

Neighbourhood Place community support organization, says help is available to individuals or families that may be having trouble dealing with the tragedy.

Officials can arrange all types of counselling, whether for groups or individuals, marriage difficulties, family concerns and other issues, she said.

"If people are having a hard time dealing with it they can come in or phone and we will set up a support group," she said. "It can be an ongoing thing or one or two sessions."

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Top producers made 3.5 times as much as average producers when returns minus expenses were tallied up on a per-acre basis on alfalfa/grass and native grassland. Profit ratios for top producers in tame and tame/native grass were even more dramatic.

Arnold Mattson, AAFC-PFRA rural development officer in

Edmonton, offers this observation: "Unlike grain where the product is planted, grown, harvested and sold, ranchers plant grass, graze it and sell beef. That's where the confusion comes in. Usually the livestock take the credit for the profits." Survey results indicate that producers know exact costs and returns per animal, but are less knowledgeable about returns on pasture and land.

Mattson and colleagues have developed the Wealthy Rancher Calculator, which is available on the AAFC Web site (see below). A producer inserts figures into the calculator and gets a breakdown of current returns for each profit center. Possible changes can also be inserted to get a preview of possible results. The calculator also reveals when a producer is likely to lose money and may be better off renting the land.

Vern Baron, AAFC research scientist at Lacombe, Alberta has also confirmed the financial benefits of productive grassland. He stocked a native grassland site at 0.7 yearlings per acre for 100 days and got a 2 pound daily gain. His net return was \$57 an acre, including \$23 per acre for land, \$12 for the cattle and \$22 for the grass.

On improved pasture nearby, Baron stocked 1.85 yearlings per acre for 110 days and got a gain of 2.2 pounds a day. His net return increased to \$194 an acre, including \$20 for land, \$80 for cattle and \$94 for the grass.

Every rancher it seems has different combinations of grains, forages, livestock and management techniques that make each ranch unique with different sets of numbers. "But in the profit centers they come out pretty close," he says.

"Managed properly, you can double the carrying capacity of most tame pasture and the capacity of most native pastures by 50 percent," says Mattson. "You can increase net return on grass by \$80 an acre just in return for managing the grass."

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Alberta cattle producers will be looking for every advantage in 2004 to increase grass production and graze cattle longer.

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Improving pasture fertility is one of the key recommendations found on the new comprehensive web site for cattle producers at www.foragebeef.ca. Information posted on the site highlights the importance of using soil tests, in combination with the history of a pasture, to decide if fertilization is necessary.

"Fertility is very important," says Ross Hutchison, head of the Forage and Horse Unit with the Alberta Agriculture Branch in Lacombe. "A grass crop removes 30 lbs of nitrogen for every tonne of forage produced. Grass plants also remove about 12 lbs of phosphorus per tonne."

That has to be replaced somehow – whether it's nutrient cycling by rotating your cattle throughout the pasture, or adding artificial fertilizers, or adding some legumes to the stand."

Soil tests and forage analysis are used to monitor mineral nutrients in the soil and to see if the nutrients are being taken up by the plants.

Test results also include fertilizer recommendations based on field history and planned use. However, the amount of recycled nutrients provided by grazing animals must also be taken into consideration.

Greg Griffin with the North Peace Forage Association in Fairview, Alberta, says that a grazing management plan is needed to make any fertilizer application worthwhile.

"It doesn't make sense to pour on the fertilizer without first improving your grazing management," says Griffin. "In order to have a healthy nutrient cycle on pasture, you need nutrients to cycle."

Many over-grazed pastures will have less than 2 lbs per acre of nitrogen available. Without a plan, your expensive fertilizer could end up in the trees or around the watering bowl."

Grant Lastiwka, pasture specialist/extension for Alberta Agriculture and the Western

Forage Beef Group, says that on over-grazed, nitrogen-deficient pastures, nitrogen first goes into root growth. "This, in conjunction with good grazing management, will create a more productive pasture the year following fertilization."

Studies show that fertilizing a vigorous pasture late in the fall or early in the spring will permit a one to two week earlier start to the grazing season. Also vigorous plants recover from grazing incident about twice as fast as non-vigorous.

"This all works together as fertilizing reduces plant recovery

time by enhancing plant vigor and water-use efficiency," says Lastiwka.

"Studies on native rangeland have shown a 57% increase in water-use efficiency following a nitrogen application and 11% following a phosphorous application. Interestingly, when both nitrogen and phosphorous were applied together, water-use efficiency was increased by 120%."

Producers are encouraged to take time during Pasture Rejuvenation Month in March to do some pasture planning for increased health and greater productivity.



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Focus on
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QUESTION: My husband drinks excessively. Aside from getting help for my family, what should I do specifically for him? How on earth am I going to get him to go to Alcoholics Anonymous or some similar treatment program? He is deep in denial and couldn't make a rational decision to save his life. How am I going to get him to cooperate?

DR. DOBSON: You're right about the difficulties you face. Begging won't accomplish anything, and your husband will be dead before he admits he has a problem. Indeed, thousands die each year while denying that they are alcoholics. That's why Al-Anon teaches family members how to confront in love. They learn how to remove the support systems that prop up the disease and permit it to thrive. They are shown how and when to impose ultimatums that force the alcoholic to admit his or her need for help. And sometimes, they recommend separation until the victim is so miserable that his denial will no longer hold up. In essence, Al-Anon teaches its own version of the "love must be tough" philosophy to family members who must implement it. I asked Bob, a recovered alcoholic, if he was forced to attend Alcoholics Anonymous — the program that put him on the road to recovery. He said: "Let me put it this way. No one goes to AA just because they've nothing better to do that evening. Everyone there has been forced to attend initially. You just don't say, 'On Monday night we watched a football game and on Tuesday we went to the movies. So what will we do on Wednesday? How about going over to an AA meeting?' It doesn't work that way. Yes, I was forced — forced by my own misery. My wife, Pauline, allowed me to be miserable for my own good. It was loving dures that moved me to attend." Though it may sound easy to achieve, the loving confrontation that brought Bob to his senses was a delicate manoeuvre. I must re-emphasize that families should not attempt to implement it on their own initiative. Without the training and assistance of professional support groups, the encounter could degenerate into a hateful, vindictive, name-calling battle that would serve only to solidify the drinker's position. Al-Anon Family Groups and Alcoholics Anonymous are both listed in local phone books. Also to be found there is a number of the Council on Alcoholism, which can provide further guidance. For teenagers with alcoholic parents, there is Alateen. Teens can go there and share without their parents' permission or knowledge, and it's free.

QUESTION: If a man and woman really love each other, won't that hold their marriage steady when the storms come?

DR. DOBSON: Not necessarily — and certainly not if you are thinking of love as a romantic feeling. Feeling wonderful about each other does not make two people compatible over the long haul. Many couples assume the excitement of their courtship will continue for the rest of their lives. That never occurs! It is naive to expect two unique individuals to mesh together like a couple of machines and to remain exhilarated throughout life. Even gears have multiple cogs with rough edges to be honed before they will work in concert. That honing process usually occurs in the first year or two of marriage. The foundation for all that is to follow is laid in those critical months. What often happens at this time is a dramatic struggle for power in the relationship. Who will lead? Who will follow? Who will determine how the money is spent? Who will get his or her way in times of disagreement? Everything is up for grabs in the beginning, and the way these early decisions are made will set the stage for the future.

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What's New
in the
Prairie
Partner Zoo?

by Taylor Laut

Man...it's been a busy last month in our 4-H club with so much going on. One project our club decided to tack was selling tickets for the Olds Grizzly's Hockey Team.

If you win you could choose prizes from trips, furniture, Flame's games and skiing trip. We had 225 tickets to sell and it was a great fund-raiser.

We had our curling funspiel January 18 in Didsbury and our annual Public Speaking was held on January 25th at the Lone Pine Hall.

This years speeches were very, very good with the following members going on to Areas. Senior: Kagen Laut and Skylar Davis. Intermediate: Nikki Durstling and Brellyn Durstling and for Junior: Conrad White and Deena Durstling.

Valentine's Day our District hosted the Calgary Region Multi-Judging Event in Olds for 252 4-H members.

We had our regular beef, dairy, horse and hay but were surprised with judging llamas, candy bouquets and a team problem solving event as well.

On to working with our steers, heifers and horses getting ready for all of the spring shows.



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Sports

CURLING

Didsbury Lions Club Annual Bonspiel

by Marge St. Clair

What a fun weekend that was, when the Lions all gathered, some to curl and some to cook and serve and they did a great job of both, I must say. Of the 16 teams participating these teams were the winners:

A Event

1. Carson Schultz, Bob Monteith, Justin Patten and Cody Atkinson - Didsbury

2. Rick Mousseau, Jeni Dodman, Greg Hnatiuk and Todd Paulsen - Didsbury

3. Klaus Reimer, Fred Bishop, Bernie Heinrichs, Moss Green

4. Gil Schmaltz - Calgary

B Event

1. Morley Kjargaard - Olds

2. Stan and Yvonne Laveck, Nick and Linda Baran - Didsbury

3. Donna Rach - Madden

4. Lyle Craven, John Rusling, George Van Vleit, Elaine Rusling - Didsbury

Gerry LeBlanc and Vance Van Dam made lots of players excited when the many donated door prizes were drawn for. Same with the lucky 50/50 numbers. Good curling, lots of visiting and the best of lunches and PIE made for a great day for all.

And another curling note:

Charley Thomas and his team from the C.C.C. won the Optimists Juvenile Play downs in Innisfail and is now off to the International Optimists Play downs in Cloverdale, B.C. April 1-4th. This competition is for young men and women 18 years and under. Charley now lives in Airdrie, but is a high school student here and is a member of Lyle Craven's team in the Mens League here.



Atom A Rebels Off to Provincials

For the second year in a row, the local Atom A hockey team are representing Zone 6 at the Provincial Finals to be held in Thorsby March 11-13.

Round robin play resulted in the Rebels elimi-

nating Chestermere and Crossfield, claiming the zone championship.

Teams from all over Alberta, representing seven zones plus the host team compete to determine the provincial championship.

The calibre of hockey coming out of the other zones is very strong this year, and the Rebels know they are up against some tough teams. Six players are heading back to provincials for the second year in a row, and the

coaches are hoping experience from last year will help lead the team.

The team is also playing round two of league playoff games against Strathmore before heading to Thorsby.



Lacrosse Registration

March 3rd and 4th was lacrosse registration. This was also an opportunity for people to swap old equipment.

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10 COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING: Mountain View Community Association. March 16th, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at Mountain View Community Hall. **47-21**

10 COMING EVENTS

COIN SHOW, Saturday, March 13, 10 - 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 10 - 3 p.m. Buy, sell, trade. Door prizes. Evaluations. Holiday Inn, Calgary downtown, 119 - 12 Ave. S.W. \$2. adults, kids free. **awna**

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33 PERSONALS

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41 TENDERS

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DIDSBURY

Ladies Time Out

Come join a special evening of social-
izing & meeting new friends. Ladies
only - nursing babies welcome. Held
on Tues. Mar. 16 at 7 p.m. at Carstairs
Bethal Evangelical Missionary
Church. Theme is "Growing Mo-
ments" with special music by Paula
Jeske. For more info call Loretta 337-
5886 or Roxann 335-3739.

Didsbury & District Community Bus

Please join us when we go to see the
bronze casting and glass blowing
Tues., Apr. 27, 2004. Cost \$16.00.
Lunch at Smitty's (your cost). Bus
leaves 5-0 Club at 9:30 a.m. Call Bea
335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

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Didsbury & District Community Bus

Spruceview Passion play Apr. 2 \$12.
Bus leaves the 5-0 Centre at 6:00 p.m.
Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Didsbury & District Community Bus

Thurs. Mar 25/04. "Big Band Honey-
moon" at Bert Church Theatre-Airdrie.
Cost \$22. Bus leaves 5-0 at 6 p.m. Call
Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

St. Anthony's General Meeting
Mass will be celebrated in St. Antho-
ny's Catholic Church on Saturday,
Mar. 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The An-
nual General Meeting will take place
immediately following Mass. Call 335-
3633 for further info.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open
every Saturday from 9 a.m. -12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church
of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For
further information call Jean 637-3753.
Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence?
Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-
934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness -
CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit
Weight Loss Support Organization which
meets weekly. We are open to Men and
Ladies whom share a common concern
of managing their weight. For more info
about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today.
1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs,
12:30-4:30. Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special
occasions. & anytime by appointment.
Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or
Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special
needs children. Meetings held 1st and
3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury
Hospital in the Educational Conference
Room at 7 p.m. For more information
contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets
every 2nd Thursday. Once a month.
For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and
join us every Wednesday evening. For
more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or
Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board
meets once every month at the Town
Office. For info call the Town Office 335-
3391.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45
a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this
winter.

DIDSBURY

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon
Footie Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys
and girls welcome.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy
Library. (Closed for the Summer) the
Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 -
24 Ave. New members always wel-
come. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays
8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Didsbury,
20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call
Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's
Time Out and Dads Too program. At
Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-
11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call
335-8183 or 335-9903 for more infor-
mation.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular
meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday
of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its
regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd
Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay
Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting
Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in
the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit
4. For more information please call 335-
8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday
of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen
Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-
2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tues-
day. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo
at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m.
Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2003-
2004 school year. This non-profit or-
ganization offers educational and social
programming for children 3 to 5 years
old. For information or to register your
child, please call: Cherie 335-8818 or
335-8039.

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DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3.
Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for
pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessi-
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Club.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a
group which offers information and sup-
port for breastfeeding mothers. We also
meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each
month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone
337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every
Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the
Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue,
Didsbury. All bridge players welcome!
For more info: 335-4796.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support
Services co-ordinates assistance for sen-
iors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View
Chapter. Support and info for parents
and teachers dealing with learning dis-
abilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Provides free accessible mental health ser-
vices. Which inc. assessments, individual
family & group counselling & crisis inter-
vention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

OLDS W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help pre-
serve these magnificent animals in their
natural environment. Meetings are the first
Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace,
8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more
information.

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area
meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For
more information contact Susan at 335-
8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement
of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Base-
ment, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info
638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more infor-
mation call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

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